

*IN THE CLAIMS:*

Replace the indicated claims with:

a2 17. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the phosphate ion is derived from a water-soluble phosphate.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the phosphate ion is derived from a source of phosphate ion selected from the group consisting of ammonium phosphate, potassium phosphate, sodium tripolyphosphate, and mixtures thereof.

a3 20. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the phosphonate ion is derived from a source of phosphonate ion selected from the group consisting of amine-containing phosphonates, imine-containing phosphonates, imide-containing phosphonates, amide-containing phosphonates, phosphonate compounds containing no nitrogen, and mixtures thereof.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the phosphonate ion is derived from a source of phosphonate ion selected from the group consisting of phosphoacetic acid, 2-aminoethyl dihydrogen phosphate, aminotri-(methylenephosphonic acid), nitrilotris(methylene)triphosphonic acid, 1-hydroxyethylidene-1-diphosphonic acid, and diethylenetriaminepenta-(methylenephosphonic acid), and mixtures thereof.

Please add the following claims:

a4 28. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the polishing composition comprises about 0.04 M or higher phosphate ion.

29. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the polishing composition comprises about 0.04 M or higher phosphonate ion.

30. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the phosphate ion is derived from a water-soluble phosphate.

31. (New) The system of claim 30, wherein the phosphate ion is derived from a source of phosphate ion selected from the group consisting of orthophosphates, polyphosphates, and mixtures thereof.

32. (New) The system of claim 30, wherein the phosphate ion is derived from a source of phosphate ion selected from the group consisting of ammonium phosphate, potassium phosphate, sodium tripolyphosphate, and mixtures thereof.

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33. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the phosphonate ion is derived from a source of phosphonate ion selected from the group consisting of amine-containing phosphonates, imine-containing phosphonates, imide-containing phosphonates, amide-containing phosphonates, phosphonate compounds containing no nitrogen, and mixtures thereof.

34. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the phosphonate ion is derived from a source of phosphonate ion selected from the group consisting of phosphoacetic acid, 2-aminoethyl dihydrogen phosphate, aminotri-(methylenephosphonic acid), nitrilotris(methylene)triphosphonic acid, 1-hydroxyethylidene-1-diphosphonic acid, diethylenetriaminepenta-(methylenephosphonic acid), and mixtures thereof.

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